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SUBJ: AFRICAN WOMEN'S AEK

REF: BUCHANAN/STEIGMAN TELCON JAN. 25

1. WEMAINE AFRICAINE DE LA FEMME OPENS MORNING JAN. 26 IN LIBREVILLE UNDER PERSONAL AUSPICES OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. BONGO. EVENT, INTENDED AS ONE OF AFRICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO IWY, WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE NOVEMBER BUT CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE WHEN PROMOTER WHO HAD PROMISED MIRIAM MAKEBA GALA ABSCONDED WITH FUNDS AND LEFT ORGANIZERS HIGH AND DRY.

2. WEEK-LONG PROGRAM INCLUDES FIVE SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (A) ROLE OF WOMEN IN TRADITIONAL SOCIETY; (B) CONTRIBUTION OF GABONESE RENOVATION TO GABONESE WOMEN; (C) EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG GIRL AS BASIS FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN; (D) CONTRIBUTION OF AFRICAN WOMEN TO THE SURVIVAL AND STRENGTHENING OF OAU; AND (E) RESULTS IN AFRICA OF IWY. OTHER EVENTS ON PROGRAM INCLUDE FASHION SHOW, GALA, FOLK DANCING, AND ART EXHIBIT, AS WELL AS LUNCHEES AND RECEPTIONS HOSTED BY MRS. BONGO

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AND OTHER GABONESE WOMEN.

3. OPENING ADDRESS THIS MORNING BEING DELIVERED BY MRS. HELVI SIIPILA, IWY SECRETARY GENERAL. FOREIGN DELEGATIONS LARGELY FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, NOTABLY WIFE OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT AND STP PRIMIN, AND INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM ZAIRE, CONGO, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, GAMBIA, CAMEROON AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA. ONLY NON-AFRICAN DELEGATIONS THUS FAR ANNOUNCED WILL BE FROM ROMANIA AND FRANCE, WITH LATTER SENDING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS FRANCOISE GIROUD TO ATTEND LAST TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCE.

4. AS INDICATED DURING TELCON, SEE NO NEED FOR OFFICIAL US DELEGATE AT THIS BELATED SEMINAR, BUT BELIEVE A MESSAGE FROM OR ON BEHALF OF MRS. FORD WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. IF MESSAGE SENT IN MRS. FORD'S NAME, SUGGEST IT BE ADDRESSED TO MRS. JOSEPHINE BONGO IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENTE D'HONNEUR OF GABONESE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, UNION DES FEMMES DU PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE GABONAIS. SEMINAR SCHEDULED TO CLOSE ON JAN. 31. STEIGMAN

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